

Marketing order committees perform all duties and responsibilities required of the committee under the applicable marketing order and USDA policy.

The committees:

- Recommend rulemaking actions, budgets, assessments, and research and market development projects.
- Evaluate marketing conditions and formulate a marketing policy.
- Employ staff to manage committee operations, investigate and report on compliance activities, establish internal controls, receive and verify handler reports, and maintain confidentiality of information.
- Review program operations annually and recommend changes as needed.
- Actively work with all handlers to explain marketing order requirements and advise them on any particular concerns the handlers may have.
- Maintain a close dialogue with USDA.

Date of Meeting	Committee	Group	Topic	Location
08/24/06	Hazelnut Marketing Board	Committee Meeting	Organizational meeting	Aurora, Oregon
09/07/06	Annual Tomato Conference	Full Committee	Organizational meeting	Naples, Florida
09/13/06	Avocado Administrative Com.	Committee Meeting	Regular monthly meeting	Homestead, Florida
09/21/06	Vidalia Onion Committee	Committee Meeting	Regular monthly meeting	Vidalia, Georgia

All upcoming Federal marketing order committee meetings are listed below. For any additional meeting information, please contact: Jay.Guerber@usda.gov.

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